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Re: U.S. PCT-based Patent Application for
"DEVICE FOR TRANSVERSE IMMOBILIZATION OF NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLIES INSIDE TRANSPORT CONTAINERS"
Serial No.: 09/582,623
Filed: July 21, 2000
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Dear Mr. Behrend:

Per your phone conversation with this office on July 23, 2003, enclosed is a copy of the After Final Amendment that was sent to the U.S. PTO, via facsimile, on June 2, 2003. Also enclosed is a copy of the fax transmission receipt, which shows the date and time the facsimile was sent, as well as the number of pages sent.

Please note, due to a clerical error the date of the Office action and expiration of the action are wrong on the cover page of the faxed amendment. The correct dates should read as follows: Office action date should read March 3, 2003 and the Office action expiration date should read June 3, 2003.

As the response to the Office action was submitted within the time limit, that is prior to the expiration date of June 3, 2003, no extension of time fees should be due.

Very truly yours,


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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the final Office action dated September 6, 2002. The shortened statutory period for response to the Office action expires on December 6, 2002. Applicant requests that the application be amended in the following manner.

The listing of the claims begins on page 2

Arguments / Remarks begin on page 8.

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